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1. FURTHER TO REFTEL INSTRUCTION, TWO ADDITIONAL FACTORS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN EMBASSY APPROACH. FIRST, BRITISH WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ASSERTTHEIR LETTER TO PAN AM IS LARGELY "PROCEDURAL" IN SAME WAY AS CAB ORDER REQUIRING BRITISH AIRLINES TO FILE THEIR SCHEDULES IS PROCEDURAL. SECONDLY, THE LETTER TO PAN AM STATES THE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN IF AN AGREED SOLUTION IS NOT REACHED ON THE HONG KONG-SYDNEY ISSUE AND "OTHER PROBLEMS" WHICH WE ASSUME TO BE THE TRANSATLANTIC CAPACITY ISSUES.

2. WE RECOMMEND EMBASSY INCLUDE FOLLOWING POINTS IN ITS APPROACH AS NECESSARY:

A) THE BRITISH NOTICE IS MORE THAN A PROCEDURAL STEP
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BECAUSE IT ESTABLISHES A BRITISH POSITION THAT BOTH THE

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TRANSATLANTIC CAPACITY ISSUE AND THE HONG KONG-SYDNEY ISSUE MUST BE RESOLVED AS A PACKAGE. THIS INTRODUCES NEW ELEMENTS.

B) THE ISSUES SHOULD BE RESOLVED ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS ON THEIR MERITS.

3. FYI: CONCERNING PROCEDURAL CHARACTER OF BRITISH LETTER, EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WHILE BRITISH ORDER IS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, THEREBY INTRODUCING A NEW TIME PRESSURE IN DISPUTE, CAB ORDER HAS NO SPECIFIC TIME ELEMENT AND CAB'S PROCEDURES AND REQUIRED PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW IN FACT RULE OUT U.S. ACTION FOR AT LEAST A MONTH.

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